

HENRY COWAN,  
WHOLESALE JEWELER AND IMPORTER.

Manufacturer of Watchmakers' and Jewelers' Supplies, Etc.

409 WASHINGTON STREET,

Boston, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1890  
Mr. O. C. Cosbyshell Supt.  
Dear Sir:-

In reply to  
your letter if the gold leaf has been  
received then there certainly has been  
some mistake, as besides the coin and  
the gold leaf there was  $33\frac{1}{2}$  dwt. 14Kt.  
chain, a mutilated  $\frac{1}{2}$  gold piece and  
about 30 to 50 dwt. of 14 & 18Kt. rings  
and other parts of 10 & 14 Kt. gold: the  
gold case you refer to, I only valued  
at \$- so that of course is not the  
discrepancy, if you add the coin, silver  
gold chain, and gold leaf together you  
will readily see that the amount is  
what I received, now must there not  
be a mistake for the other lot, I



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I am also sorry there has been a mistake  
and think very likely it may have  
been mixed with some one else's, if  
they find the error, please remit me  
as I am positive there was between  
\$110- and \$125- and if I did not see it  
packed myself and shipped, should  
not feel as I do in the matter.

Thanking you for your kindness  
I remain

Yours resp.

Henry Cowan  
per m.

If the package was so different to <sup>the</sup> 100 value  
would they not have returned same as  
they do in New York Assay Office, as of course  
even a poor judge would have noticed the difference



Boston, Mass.

May 16. 1890.

Henry Cowan

Relative to insufficient  
returns of deposits.

Letter from Mr. Cochran  
enclosed.

Fineress same as reported

W. L. D.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1890.

Dear Sir

In answer to Mr. Cowan's letter we respectfully state that we had his deposit re-assayed to day <sup>found</sup> the fineness is correct. In reference to refusing the deposit the reason of taking altho we tho't it over estimated but as Mr Cowan was an old customer it was taken. It could not have been mixed with any other deposit as his deposit was the only one melted that day. I am sorry he was disappointed but what was sent <sup>was sent</sup> the whole amount in it found by us

Very Respect fully  
 W. S. Loewen

Hon. O. C. Crosby shall  
 Supd



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Fineness same as reported. Mr. U & J.

Henry Cowan,  
Wholesale Jeweler and Importer  
Boston, May 16, 1890

Hon. O.C. Bosbyshell, Supt.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter if the gold leaf has been received then there certainly has been some mistake, as besides the coin and the gold leaf there was 33 ½ divt – 14 kt. chain, a mutilated \$5 gold piece and about 30 to 50 divt. of 14 & 18 kt. rings and other parts of 108 14 kt. gold: the gold case you refer to, I only valued at \$5 – so that of course is not the discrepancy, if you add the coin, silver, gold chain, and gold leaf together you will readily see that the amount is what I received, now must there not be a mistake for the other lot, I am also sorry there had been a mistake and think very likely it may have been mixed with someone else's, if they find the error, please remit me as I am positive there was between \$110 and \$125 and if I did not see it packed myself and shipped, should not feel as I do in the matter.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain  
Yours resp.  
Henry Cowan

If the package was so different to \$100 value would they not have returned same as they do in New York Assay Office, as of course even a poor judge would have noticed the difference.

Dear Sir

In answer to Mr. Cowan's letter enclosed, respectfully state that we had his deposit reassayed to day the fineness found correct. In reference to refusing the deposit the reason of taking althou [sic] we tho't [sic] it over estimated, but as Mr. Cowan was an older customer, it was taken. It could not have been switched with any other deposit as his deposit was the only one melted that day. I am sorry he was disappointed but what was sent was the whole amount in it found by us.

Very respectfully  
H.S. Gorhman

Hon. O.C. Bosbyshell  
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